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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains Passing through Templin

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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Beginning at noon on 21 March 1954, troop trains kept passing through the Templin railroad station, coming from Eberswalde or Prenzlau and proceeding to the Vogelsang railroad station, with the trains running day and night and at intervals of 90 minutes or more. Security measures at the Templin railroad station were strict. Shipments identified included:

21 March. At 3:30 p.m., a shipment of 36 trucks with [REDACTED] including some of the [REDACTED] and about 400 troops.

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At 4:30 p.m., a shipment of 42 trucks, 1 T-34 tank, 7 presumably 122-mm field guns and 18 boxcars occupied by about 500 troops.

22 March. At 9:30 a.m., a shipment of 8 two-axle armored scout cars, 19 trucks and about 300 troops.

At 1 p.m., a shipment of 27 trucks and about 300 troops.

At 4 p.m., a shipment of 22 trucks.

At 5:20 p.m., a shipment of 35 trucks, 12 T-34 tanks, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 2 small personnel carriers and about 400 troops.

At 6:15 p.m., a shipment of 8 T-34 tanks, 4 rocket launchers, 32 trucks, 6 armored scout cars and about 350 troops.

23 March. At 7:30 a.m., a shipment of 6 JS-1 tanks, 7 T-34 tanks, 8 T-34/85 tanks, 6 two-axle armored scout cars and 27 trucks with [REDACTED]

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At 11:45 a.m., a shipment of 9 rocket launchers, 15 trucks and about 250 troops.

At 1 p.m., a shipment of pontoons, about 10 meters long.

At 3:30 p.m., a shipment including 8 field kitchens.

At 4:30 p.m., a shipment of 12 boxcars occupied by troops.

At 8 p.m., a shipment of 27 trucks and about 300 troops.

The movement continued.

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Comment. [REDACTED] is rather safely believed to have observed 13 shipments of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and army troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, beginning on 22 March, left their posts for exercises. [REDACTED]

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[ ] the shipments from Perneu were to be unloaded in Mirow and Neustelitz. The assumption [ ] that the trains were to be unloaded in Vogelsang, therefore, is believed to be not correct, the more so, in this case, Templin and Zehdenick would have also been used as detraining stations. If some of the trains actually came from Prenzlau, elements of the 25th Tank Div may have also participated in the exercise, possibly as the enemy force.

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